



COLLEGE STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Stretton State College Parents and Citizens' Association and the Executive Team of the College, have jointly determined that our College is a Full uniform College.

Our College has a proud reputation, and our college community believes that our uniform is important in that it encourages a sense of self-esteem, pride in our College and self-discipline in students. Our College uniform is designed to create a sense of unity and respect in our College and with unity comes strength and a real sense of purpose. It also caters for elements of safety, comfort, climate, modesty, cost, efficiency, social equity and activity. The wearing of the College uniform also contributes to student safety because it ensures that outsiders to our College community are readily identifiable.

All students are expected to observe the details of College Uniform while on their way to, during and from our College. If a situation occurs that a student does not have a uniform, or part thereof, on any school day, a note needs to be sent from a parent/guardian. The student is then able to acquire a Uniform Pass, or a loan uniform from our supply pool to be returned after laundering.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND POLICY

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Sections 360-363) and the Department of Education and Training policy Student Dress Code SMS-PR-022 in relation to implementing student dress codes in Queensland State schools. The policy clearly outlines the school's response to non-compliance with regard to the Student Dress Code at Stretton State College. The College Dress Code is endorsed by the P & C Association.

EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to observe the details of correct attire and must be wearing the complete dress uniform or sports uniform in accordance with school routine. Students should present in a neat and tidy manner at all times, including on their way to and home from the College. This high standard will ensure that our students continue to represent themselves and the College in an outstanding way.

N.B. Please note, ALL uniform items are only available from the College uniform shop. NO alternative styles or options are permitted.

UNIFORM ROUTINES INCLUDE:

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- Prep students will wear sports uniform every day.
- Terms 1 & 4 – Due to regular hot weather, Sports uniform is optional Monday – Friday P-6 unless directed otherwise due to special occasions when Formal Uniform will be required.
- Terms 2 & 3 - Year 1-6 students will wear their Formal Uniform three days a week and their Sports Uniform two days a weeks as communicated by class teachers in alignment with PE and Sport lessons.

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- In Year 7 to 12, formal uniform is to be worn every Tuesday.
- In Year 7 to 12, sports uniform can be worn on any day except Tuesday.
- When outside the classroom, the correct Stretton hat must be worn with the appropriate uniform at all times for all students P-12.

SPORTS ACADEMY UNIFORM ROUTINES: Year 4-12

- Sports Academy training uniforms are only to be worn for training and competitions or in class as directed by teachers.
- Struddys Sports Academy jackets may be worn all year with the school sports uniform and/or the formal uniform.



- Sports Academy hoodies can only be worn with the sports uniform.
- The maroon Sports Academy bag may be used throughout the year.
- The navy Sports Academy cap can be worn with the sports and/or formal uniform.
- The white Rugby League cap can only be worn by Rugby League Academy students with the sports uniform.

SHORT TERM UNIFORM ISSUES

Students not in correct uniform must have a note, or parents/caregivers must email or phone the school explaining the reason. The preferred option is a signed note to be given to the class teacher (Prep to 6) or care teacher (7 to 12) at the commencement of the school day and staff will arrange for the student to be given a uniform slip. Notification of non-compliance will be accepted for reasonable, specified and temporary reasons rather than long-term waivers of the uniform expectations.

LOCATION OF UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is located at the Illaweenaa Campus. For Uniform Shop opening times please check with Administration or our school's latest newsletter or via our website on www.strettonsc.eq.edu.au. There is also EFTPOS available for your convenience. Uniform Shop opening hours may vary depending upon demand.

SHOES

- Black, fully enclosed leather school shoes – Mary Janes and black leather sports shoes are permitted for Years 1 to 6.
- Black, fully enclosed hard leather lace-up school shoes are to be worn with the formal uniform for Years 7 to 12.
- Lace-up (or Velcro for Prep-Year 6) athletic style sport shoes are required for the sports uniform.
- No skate shoes, slip-ons, boots, coloured laces, ballet type, volleys or Dunlop Volleys, canvas or suede shoes will be accepted. These shoes do not provide sufficient protection when students are participating in learning experiences or in the playground and do not comply with Workplace Health and Safety requirements.

JEWELLERY AND PIERCINGS

- Students may wear a watch, two pierced holes per earlobe with either simple, small stud earrings or small sleeper earrings. All other jewellery is considered a potential danger to the well-being of students.
- In order to comply with Workplace Health and Safety Guidelines and to maintain high standards of appearance, all other visible body piercing and tattoos are not permitted (no studs, rings or bars are to be worn other than those deemed acceptable as outlined.) Fleshies, plugs, stretchers or spacers are a workplace health and safety risk and therefore are not permitted. Other piercings or facial studs, including tongue and/or nose studs of any kind are not to be worn to the College.
- No other accessories are to be worn.
- Students wishing to wear religious symbols require a letter of request from a parent/guardian to the Principal. Any such religious symbols/necklaces should be pinned inside of the shirt/blouse for safety reasons.

RELIGIOUS/CULTURAL HEADWEAR

Cultural and/or Religious headwear (Hijab, Turban etc.) may be worn and must be completely navy blue, maroon or white in colour and of a plain texture without motifs.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

All students at the College are to be well groomed and the following must be adhered to:

- Hairstyles must be neat, clean, tidy and of natural tone.
- Students with long hair are encouraged to tie back their hair with a navy or maroon hair tie. Long hair is to be tied back for practical lessons.
- Hair sculpting, patterning, extreme hairstyles, mullets, rats' tails, shaved tracks, undercuts, fall outside of the College dress code and are discouraged.
- Accessories are not permitted. These include but are not limited to bandanas, beanies, other brightly coloured headwear. SSC scarves are the only scarves permitted to be worn and are available from the Uniform shop.



- Only SSC colour hair ribbons/bows/scrunchies/clips are permitted. These are available from the Uniform shop.
- **Illaweena students only:** Makeup must be of a natural appearance, and students will be asked to remove makeup if their appearance does not reflect a natural look. Parents will be contacted and students may be removed from class until compliance is achieved.
- Eyeliner, eye shadow, and unnatural, long false eyelashes are not permitted.
- Coloured nail polish or decorated nails are not permitted.
- False nails/ridge fillers must be of natural length and colour
- The length of fingernails must not impact a student's ability to engage in learning tasks.
- Tattoos must not be visible. If present, must be covered.
- Boys are encouraged to be clean shaven.

UNIFORM FREE DAYS

On specified days, students may be permitted to wear free dress as part of a student fundraising effort for P & C endorsed charities.

At these times, students need to wear appropriately modest clothing and inappropriate clothing must not be worn. The usual safety regulations regarding the wearing of closed in shoes and approved jewellery also apply on free dress days. In instances of non-compliance, parents will be contacted and students may be removed from the activity until compliance is achieved.

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH UNIFORM/DRESS CODE

Students will be asked to remove items that are not part of the College uniform. Consequences for students not in correct uniform without an explanatory note might mean contact home to parents, prevention from partaking in school activities, or detention. Incorrect items may be temporarily held in safe keeping at the office until 2:45pm.

If a student does not comply with a dress code for school students, developed under section 360 of the Act, the school principal, working within the DET Policy and Procedure - Student Dress Code, may impose the following appropriate disciplinary consequences:

1. Detention of the student for a period of 20 minutes in time.
2. Prevent the student from attending, or participating in any activity for which the student would have been representing the school.
3. Prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.
4. If a student continues to be out of uniform and fails to complete the detention, this will be considered as 'continued non-compliance' and as such, students may be suspended from school.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations, students' footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot (Year 7-12).

Footwear selection must also take into account the health benefits of growing children wearing supportive outwear to minimise future health risks.